

ABSTRACT

1 An intraoral data input tool for use during dental examination of a patient
2 comprises a discoid head attached to a handle. The discoid head includes a
3 data input device which is responsive to force applied by a stylus, and may also
4 include a mirror. The input device may be a set of push buttons or a touch
5 sensitive display. The intraoral input device is configured to allow a dental
6 examiner to input data while the input device is positioned in the patient's
7 mouth. The data input device is linked to a computer system either by an
8 electrical connector and cable or a wireless communication device. A display
9 may be included in the discoid head; the display may be used for confirmation
10 of input examination data.